

We Stand For Our Students

Legal Update for Teachers, Faculty and Staff in Illinois

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OVERVIEW

We Stand For Our Students (WSOS) has secured a lawyer to help Illinois teachers, faculty and staff that oppose the Vaccine and Testing Mandate that was issued by Governor JB Pritzker on August 26, 2021 in Executive Order No. 87/88.

FILE A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

If you do not agree to forced vaccination AND testing, the first recommended step is to file a Religious Exemption. Follow these steps to complete:

1. **Format a letter** to your district outlining your opposition to the mandate. Clearly outline any religious beliefs that this mandate violates. [Click here for examples](#)
2. Complete a **Religious Exemption** form. ([ILLINOIS CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM](#))
3. **Email a copy** of your letter and/or form to your District Superintendent and Board. Once you have emailed, hand deliver a printed copy to the office.

LEGAL UPDATE

A lawsuit has been filed against Governor Pritzker as of 9/14/21. This case is a Declaratory and Injunctive Relief requesting the court to determine that Section 3 of the Executive Order #87/88 are void as a matter of law, for the following reasons:

1. It violates the Illinois Administrative Code;
2. It violates teacher's procedural due process rights;
3. It violates teacher's substantive due process rights;
4. It violates the Healthcare Rights to Conscience Act;

[Click here to read the full update](#) from our lawyer on the case, along with his suggested protocols to communicate with your employer in the meantime.

If you have any questions regarding the case and/or suggested guidance, please **DO NOT** reach out to William Gerber directly. Reach out to a member of WSOS, or email us at westandforourstudents@gmail.com. Our lawyer is working solely on this case right now, and we would like to avoid sending him multiple communications that distract him. We will funnel all communications through our team to get efficient responses back and to you in a timely manner.

RELATED LEGAL CASES

On 9/15/21 there were two big wins in the fight for Health Freedom! Attorney Thomas DeVore won two cases against two separate school districts related to Modified Quarantine found in the Illinois Administrative Code.

In both cases, the restraining order said children were forced to utilize a device to allegedly prevent the spread of an infectious disease without a quarantine issued against the children by the local health department.

DeVore has confirmed that the next thing to hit the courts will be the use of the same exact legal definition as it relates to vaccines, "a procedure intended to limit disease transmission." DeVore said "As many are starting to realize, the vaccine may limit the severity of illness, however, those who are vaccinated can still transmit the disease. We believe those mandates will fail once challenged properly in court on the most basic application of the definitions found in the Illinois Administrative Code for the Control of Communicable Diseases."

1. A quarantine/modified quarantine includes the utilization of any device, or any procedure whose specific purpose is to limit the spread of a disease. Thus,
2. A procedure to limit the spread: a **vaccination** would be a procedure. It can only be done by the health department, through an order of quarantine, which requires consent or an order of the court.
3. A procedure to limit the spread: a **test** would be a procedure. It can only be done by the health department, through an order of quarantine, which requires consent or an order of the court.

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Thank you to all who have donated so far! WSOS has committed to raising the funds needed to cover all legal fees related to this cause. Our goal is \$7500 but we are not there yet. If you have not donated, please consider doing so today:

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- Join our mailing list to receive email updates at <https://forms.gle/zoHSxDB2s9kPRGFz5>.

Thank you!

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